

Have you ever wondered how many pulsing human stories lie hidden behind hospital walls?

I AM GOING TO
MOVE MY DESK
NEAR THE DOOR.

Enter Into

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NEXT WEEK'S COMPLETE NOVEL IN THE EVENING WORLD
*Mystery adds to the absorbing interest of this story of a
Great Doctor and Rival Nurses*

"Here—I don't care how much—where we were, and was edged to the wall, so that I could not quite judge of the position. The size of the space beneath the floor of St. Paul's, and when I saw the bones, I was not sure of nothing but one vast charnel-house, being literally full of thousands of skeletons. I was standing in an enormous cleaning pyramid, formed by the slipping down of the bones from the floor above. They were dropped in from above. In my astonishment I made an observation, and the echoes of my own ringing voice were repeated by the skull that had been accurately balanced for many thousands of years near the top of the wall. I was in a great hurry, and of course bringing an avalanche of other bones after it, till at last I was obliged to stop my movement, so though the skeletons were getting up to great us. We left the place, and entered others. It would be too long to describe the many things I saw in them.

"So," she said, softly: "provided he be not dead, it is no matter, for I can bring him back to life, my Hellsword!"

"What?"

"That the method wherewith thy servants greet strangers in thy country?"

"I am frightened of thy garb: it hath a death-like air," I answered.

"She laughed.

"And the girl? Ah, I see now. It is she of whom thou didst speak to me when both to leave us, and we will see to this sick Leon of mine. I love not that underling

FIRE HIM! THE DARN IDIOT! PUTTING HIS DESK RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE DOOR!

YOU ARE FIRED!

CAN YOU BEAT IT!

CHAPTER XVII.
The Balance Turns.

IN a few minutes, following the lamps of the mutas, we came to a stair which led us to She's anteroom, the same that Hullah had crept

Thereon I told Ustane in Arabic and Job in English both to leave the room—an order which the latter obeyed readily enough, and was glad to obey, for he could not in any way subvert his friend. But it was otherwise with Ustane.

"Ustane! Ustane! She want!" she

up upon all fours in the previous day. Here I would have bid the Queen adieu, but she would not. "Nay," she said, "enter with me, O Holly, for my truth thy conversation is sweeter than honey." For two thousand years I have had none to converse with save slaves and my own thoughts; and though of all this thinking hath much wisdom been made, and many secrets have been made plain, and many of mine own thoughts, and have come to loathe mine own society, for surely the food that memory gives to eat is bitter to the taste, and it is only with the truth that I can sweeten my life. So draw the curtains, and sit here

The entire crowd instantly preselected itself upon the ground. She hunted the dais and sat down upon a chair and spoke to me in Greek.

Come hither, Holly," she said, "and sit at my feet, and see me do justice to those who would have slain thee."

She addressed the captain of her band in Arabic: "Let the men be brought before me."

We heard the tread of men coming along the passage, and in filed the king and his eunuchs, the survivors of the massacre.

by my side, and we will eat fruit, and talk of pleasant things. See, I will again unveil to thee. Thou hast brought it thyself, I tell thee, for I have never desired, and thou shalt call me beautiful, as even those old philosophers were wont to do. **Pis** upon them, forgetting their philosophy!"

And without more ado she stood up and shook the white wrappings from her, and came forth shining and splendid like some glittering snake when she has cast her slough; ay, and her wonderful eyes upon me, more brightly than any but the sun - and pierced me through and through with their beauty, and sent her light laugh ringing through the air like

And suddenly I stane crept past her on her hands and knees, and went.

She glided toward the curtain, and lay, with his face in the shadow and turned to the wall.

"He hath a noble shape," she said, as she bent over him to look upon his face.

Next second her tall and willowy form was staggering back across the room, as though she had been shot or stabbed, staggering back till at last she struck the cavern wall, and there, in the most horrible manner most awful and unearthly scream that I ever heard in all my life.

"What is it, Ayeenah?" I cried, "he dead?"

She turned, and sprang toward me

"You would-be murderers, to the number of a score or more. They would have cast themselves down on the rocks of the cave, like the spectators, and have been smothered to death."

"Dost thou, oh, my guest, who art now in my country by the name the Priekly Tree, recognize these men?"

"Ay, oh, Queen, nearly all of them," said I, "and I saw them glower at me as I passed."

"Then tell me and this company the a whorl I have heard."

"Thus adjured, I, in as few words as possible, related the history of the annual feast, and of the attempted murder of our poor queen. When I had done, a shrill, shrill cry rose up from the crowd, and I saw that

"Thou dost," she said, in her terrible whisper, which sounded like the hiss of a snake; "why dost thou hide this from me?" and she stretched out a hand, as if I thought she was going to slay me.

"What?" I ejaculated, in the most lively terror—"what?"

"Ah!" she said, "I perceive thou learnest to learn. I learn, my Holly; thou learnest there lies thy loss." Kallikrates, Kallikrates, who had come back to me at last, as I knew he would—as I knew he would;—and who I thought to go on like any other lady who is a little upset, murmuring "Kallikrates, Kallikrates."

"Unless thou canst help him, Ave,"

and lifting his head from the pound, but without rising, the old man confirmed my story. No further was taken.

"Ye have said," said She at length, in a cold, clear voice, "What ye say to ye; ye rebellious children, ye vengeance should not be done on ye?"

At some time there was no answer, but at last one of the men, a broad-cheated fellow, said that he orders that they had received were not to harm the white men; and he said of their black enemies, "Ye were by a man's hand who was now dead, they proceeded to try to hot-pot him after the silent and honorable custom of

"I could stand it no longer. Then and there I fell upon my knees before her and told her in a sad mixture of languages—for such moments are the thoughts—that I worshipped the thought of a woman worshipped, and that I would give my immortal soul to marry her—which at that time I certainly would have done, and so indeed, would have done many other things, if I had not been so much in a hurry to be relieved into glory. For the moment she looked a little surprised, and then she began to laugh and clap her hands in glee.

"O Holy!" she said.

"I wondered how many minutes it

in due course. As for their taking on our ourselves, it was made in the access of sudden fury, and they deeply regretted it. He ended by saying that mercy might be extended to them, or they might be banished into the stamp, to live or die as it might seem; but I saw on his face that he intended to show mercy.

"Dogs and serpents," he said, in a low voice that gradually gathered strength as she went on, till the place was with it, "centers of human flesh, they have attacked these strange white men, and would have slain their servant, and for that your death is your reward. But that

would take to bring thee to thy knees. I have not been a man kneel before me for so many days, and, I think, I have never been so happy as I am tonight. I have been so happy all night is sweet, ay, wisdom and length of days take not from that dear pleasure, which is our sex's only right.

"Wouldst thou?—what wouldst thou? Thou dost not know what thou dost. Have I not told thee that I am not for thee? I love but one, and it is not thee. Ah, Hillyar, for all thy wisdom—and in a way that art wise to me—but thou art not wise to thyself. Thou wouldst look into mine eyes; thou wouldst kiss me. Well, if it pleases thee look—and she bent herself toward me, and fixed her dark eyes on mine, and I saw that she

my teeth and a drop of the mild wine in flew upon my tongue. I was so overcome and so moved that I forgot my head swim and a mist gather before my eyes, but happily the effect passed away as swiftly as it had arisen.

"I had reached Leo's side I poured the contents of the vial into his mouth. Instantly a little vapor arose from it.

"I heard a deep-sounding breath, and looking down, perceived a line of light, as if Leo's face, and then—another and another, and there—wonder of wonders!—the man we had thought dead turned over on his side.

"*"Thou saved,"* I said in a whisper, as I watched him rise up.

"*"He saved,"* I thought we were to

Did I not send my word unto thee by Hiliail, my servant, and the father of your household? Hath it not been taught to ye from childhood that the law, which an eye cannot see, and that he who breaketh it by as much as one jot or tittle shall perish? And is not my lightest word a law? Have not your fathers taught this? Nay, whilst art ye yet with your children? Well do ye know it, ye wicked Ones. But ye are all evil-doers to the core: the wickedness built up in ye like a fountain in the morningtime. And now because ye have

place, O Holiail? How many times think ye, how many times have ye required to follow this cave and all the galleries thereof?"

"Tens of thousands," I answered.

"So," Holiail, this people, an old people, before the Egypt were. This people founded the cities of the ruins yet unnumbered yonder. Four thousand years before this cave was finished, when I was first sent to you, thirty years ago, was it even as it is now?"

I followed her on to a side passage opening out of the main cave, down a great number of steps, through an underground shaft that I had not been less than sixty feet beneath the surface of the rock.

and kissed her, if that will far, thanks be given to the scheme of things, kisses leave no marks except upon the heart. But if that does kiss, I will kiss thee as a surety with the heart, with love of me and die!" and she bent yet further toward me, till her soft hair brushed my brow, and her fragrant breath played upon my face, and made me faint as with a swoon. And then, even as I stretched out my arms to clasp, she straightened herself, and a quick change passed over her. Reaching out her hand, she held it over my head, and said, "I have not thought of thee, I thought I had chilled me back to common sense and a know-

and whom I in turn did warn? Hath she—stay, I will see!" and bending forward she passed her hand over the font of water and gazed intently into it.

"See," she said quietly, "is that the woman?"

I looked into the water, and there, other passage, running at right angles, and here an awful thing had happened to me; the sharp draught caught my ankle and extinguished my being, my in utter darkness peered forward down the darkness, surely far away I saw something like the faint glow of fire. There was

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